

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 12, with the following amended paragraph:

The skeleton 10 of the steering wheel has a hub region 12 with a hub base, which forms the lower part of a cavity to receive a gas bag module 13, and is only shown in outline here. The skeleton includes a portion defining a spoke 15 attached to the hub region 12 and extending away from the hub region 12. The spoke 15 slopes upwardly and outwardly away from the hub region with respect to a plane extending across the hub ~~region 15~~ region 12 and perpendicular to an axis 11 of rotation of the steering wheel.